

641—140.1(135) Definitions. For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“Ambulance service” means any privately or publicly owned service program which utilizes ambulances in order to provide patient transportation and emergency medical services.

“Applicant” means a county EMS association or regional EMS council that has submitted an application for an emergency medical services system development grant.

“CEHs” means continuing education hours which are based upon a minimum of 50 minutes of training per hour.

“Continuing education” means training approved by the department which is obtained by a certified emergency medical care provider to maintain, improve, or expand relevant skills and knowledge and to satisfy renewal of certification requirements.

“County EMS association” means a countywide group of EMS providers and various agency and organization representatives and consumers who provide leadership for the local EMS system on needs and objectives. The county EMS association should also include representatives of services located in a neighboring county if service is provided on a regular basis to residents of the county receiving funding.

“Department” means the Iowa department of public health.

“Director” means the director of the Iowa department of public health.

“Emergency medical care personnel” or *“provider”* means any individual currently certified by the department pursuant to Iowa Code section 147A.6.

“Emergency medical services” or *“EMS”* means an integrated medical care delivery system to provide emergency and nonemergency medical care at the scene or during out-of-hospital patient transportation in an ambulance.

“EMS course” means a course for emergency medical care personnel pursuant to Iowa Code section 147A.4, subsection 2.

“EMS medical care provider” means an individual who has been trained to provide emergency and nonemergency medical care at the first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-intermediate, EMT-paramedic, paramedic specialist or other certification levels recognized by the department before 1984 and who has been issued a certificate by the department.

“Fiscal year” means the 12-month period beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

“Infrastructure” means those elements that make up an EMS system.

“Nontransport service” means any privately or publicly owned rescue or first response service program which does not provide patient transportation (except when no ambulance is available or in a disaster situation) and utilizes only first response vehicles to provide emergency medical care at the scene of an emergency.

“Regional EMS council” means a multicounty nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to facilitate EMS development on a regional basis.

“Service program” means any 24-hour emergency medical care ambulance service or nontransport service that has received authorization by the department.

“Strategic plan” means a document produced via a multiagency effort to evaluate and define needs and goals to improve the local EMS system.

“Training” means EMS-related courses designed and intended for EMS providers and includes any item used in training including, but not limited to, slides, films, mannequins, emergency care devices, books and other items pertinent and necessary for training purposes.